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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS AT USDA FEBRUARY 16.

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1. FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF WHITE HOUSE TRANSCRIPT OF
PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY 16 REMARKS AT DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE WHICH CONCERNS NORMALIZING RELATIONSHIPS WITH
ADDITIONAL STATES.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. . . . SECONDLY, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE
TOWARD THE REESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
OUR OWN COUNTRY AND ANGOLA, AMONG OTHER NATIONS.
WE NOW HAVE SEVERAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THAT. THE
ATTITUDE OF ANGOLA AND ITS GOVERNMENT TOWARD KEEPING CUBAN
MERCENARIES, I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE THE CUBANS
REMOVE THEIR SOLDIERS FROM ANGOLA. LET THE ANGOLA NATION
MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR GOVERNMENT.
WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM INDIRECT SOURCES

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THAT CASTRO AND CUBA HAS PROMISED TO REMOVE THOSE TROOPS.
THAT WOULD BE A STEP TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONSHIPS
WITH ANGOLA.
THE SAME THING APPLIES ULTIMATELY TO THE RESTORATION
OF NORMAL RELATIONS WITH CUBA. IF I CAN BE CONVINCED THAT

CUBA WANTS TO REMOVE THEIR AGGRAVATING INFLUENCE FROM

OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS HEMISPHERE, WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN VIOLENCE IN NATIONS ACROSS THE OCEAN, WILL RECOMMIT THE FORMER RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTED IN CUBA TOWARD HUMAN RIGHTS, THEN I WOULD BE WILLING TO MOVE TOWARD NORMALIZING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CUBA AS WELL.

THE SAME THING APPLIES TO VIETNAM. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT WITH VIETNAM FOR THE 225 AMERICANS WHO WERE LOST IN THAT WAR. THERE ARE SOME STILL CLASSIFIED AS MISSING IN ACTION. THEN I WOULD BE PERFECTLY GLAD TO SUPPORT THE ADMISSION OF VIETNAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

WE HAVE 14 NATIONS IN THE WORLD WITH WHOM WE DO NOT HAVE NORMAL RELATIONSHIPS. WE ARE DEALING WITH EACH ONE OF THOSE CASES ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. IN SOME INSTANCES,

THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS DESPISE US SO DEEPLY THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH US OR SEARCH OUT COMMON GROUNDS FOR NORMALIZING RELATIONSHIPS.

SO TO HOLD DOWN NUCLEAR WEAPONS, TO REMOVE THE MILITARY PRESENCE IN AFRICAN NATIONS OF ANY OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING OUR OWN, AND NORMALIZING OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNTRIES THAT WE DON'T HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH, ALL THOSE ARE ON MY FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGENDA. END QUOTE.

3. EMBASSY MAY INFORM MOFA THAT THERE IS NO LIST OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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14 NATIONS AVAILABLE AND WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT BEYOND THAT CONTAINED IN TRANSCRIPT.

4. WE HAVE RESPONDED TO INQUIRY FROM ROK EMBASSY ALONG SIMILAR LINES.

5. ON QUESTION OF VISA REGULATIONS, THERE HAVE BEEN PRESS REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION REVIEW OF RELEVANT STATUTES. WE WILL SEND FURTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION SEPTTEL.
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